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1. The revenue office of the Canton Municipal Government announced that as of 1 May all professional gross incomes less business expenses would be subject to a tax of three percent. This order includes all Chinese and foreign doctors.
2. The estimated business tax for the spring of 1950 on industrial and commercial enterprises will be 4,000,000 units, each unit being the equivalent of twenty catties of rice. The deadline for payment of taxes is 31 May, with a penalty of three percent surcharge for each day's delinquency. An additional levy of five percent for industrial enterprises or ten percent for business on profits is called a construction tax. The construction tax is to be used by the Municipal Government to pay for all construction in the city.
3. About 10 May Jou Chi (柔濟) Hospital,\* an American missionary hospital in Canton, was ordered to subscribe to 1,000 units of Victory bonds. The hospital was unable to comply; as a charitable institution it has not paid taxes. The American physician has announced his intention to return to the United States, apparently because of Communist pressure.

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Comment. This is presumably the Hackett Memorial Hospital.

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